

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in The Spetchells Centre at 7:00pm, 22nd
November 2016

Present

Cllr Mrs J McGee (Chair), Cllr E Dobson, Cllr B Futers, Cllr A Gill, Cllr G McCreedy, Cllr A Piper, Cllr A Reid, Cllr D Couchman, Cllr Mrs N McGee, Cllr G Price, Cllr Ms J Rose

1617/103 Apologies for Absence Cllr Mrs E Burt, Cllr Mrs C Cuthbert, Cllr G Simpson

1617/104 Declarations of Interest None

To approve a motion, that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded for consideration of the following items, in accordance with Section 68 of the Council's Standing Orders:-

Proposed: Cllr Mrs J McGee Seconded: Cllr E Dobson

1617/105 Service Contract for Floral Bedding, Planters, and Hanging Baskets for 2017/18 to 2019/20

Cllr B Futers stated that none of the papers had not been supplied in hard copy with the requisite three days' notice, and noted that this assumed that all councillors had access to email.

Responding, Cllr Mrs J McGee stated that the email calling the meeting had been sent in good time.

It was AGREED by 9 votes for, with 1 against and 1 abstention, to receive the advice from the National Association of Local Councils, and to confirm / endorse the decision taken by the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12 October to award the service contract for the Floral Bedding, Planters and Hanging Baskets for 2017/18 to 2019/20 to Hollybush Landscaping at a cost for 2017/18 of £37,879 for the reasons indicated in the advice presented to the Council, above.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs J McGee Seconded: Cllr Ms J Rose

Cllr E Dobson stated that it was vital that the Council's discussions on this matter remained confidential, and Cllr B Futers agreed that all members must stand by the decision reached and respect the need for confidentiality. The Clerk confirmed that while the decision itself must be published, discussions of tenders etc must remain confidential for reasons of commercial sensitivity.

The meeting closed at 1945.

END OF MEETING